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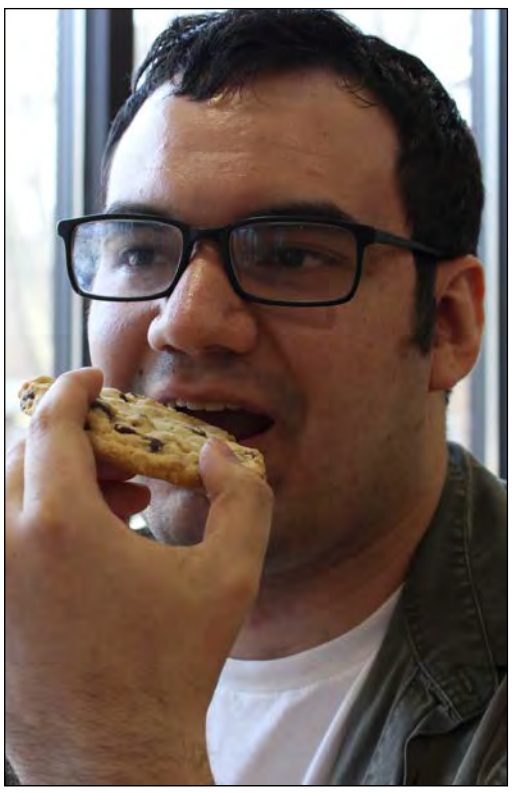

The Dining Services survey gives students a chance to suggest changes they wish to see in all four of Wartburg's dining locations. Several changes will affect the Den, Mensa and Konditerei. Noah McCoy and Armand Piecuch enjoy food in each.— **Ta'Mone Williams***/TRUMPET*

Dining Services serves up change

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The results from the Dining Services Survey showed that Dining Services needs to improve variety, overall taste, nutritional value, amount of vegetarian choices and health content of the food it serves.

As a result of this survey, changes will be made in each of the Dining Services locations.

The survey was done last fall and results were recently released.

Called the NACUFS Customer Satisfaction Survey, it was used to determine what things are going good in relation to Dining Services and what things need improvement.

This is a survey done all across the country. All you have to do is fill in the ratings or gap analysis [rank one to five].

"If you want to do it for both the Den and the Mensa, you fill out the survey two times," assistant vice president for dining and retail services, Margaret Empie said.

"It allows us to look at ourself and compare our services to other schools."

Overall Wartburg had 513 people fill out the survey.

In order to get that many people to participate, third-year Kelsey Faust, had to do extensive advertising.

"I put an announcement in The Juice, had a banner made to hang in The Mensa along with table tents at all locations, and Mensa employees wore buttons that said 'Take our Survey,'" Faust said.

After seeing the results, Empie found a few things surprising.

"I'm surprised that people weren't bothered by the amount and setup of seating in the Mensa," Empie said.

"Starting in May Term, there are going to be more meal transfers available in the Den. In order to do that and for it to be more efficient, some things are going to be taken off the menu," Empie said.

"We also have a cold breakfast meal transfer in the works so students can just grab and go. One last change for the Den is that we are going to make the packing of meal transfers more efficient."

Faust encouraged all students, faculty, staff and community members who dine on campus to partcipate.

"This is their chance to have a voice about what they like and dislike about the food we are serving and the customer service that we are providing."

Faust added that when students completed the survey, it was their chance to annonymously tell Dining Services what changes they thought needed to be made.

Based on the number of people who particpated and their answers, Dining Services chose which changes they believe will be the most important.

Starting in May...

In the Den:
-more meal transfer times

-better packaging for meal transfers

-cold breakfast meal transfers

-a few items will come off the den menu

In the Mensa:
-more vegetarian options will be available

Student artwork vandalized in Luther Hall

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Three Wartburg students' original paintings were damaged by vandals sometime this past week.

Three paintings hung in Luther Hall across from the business office were damaged by someone punching holes into the canvas.

This is the first reported incident of damage to student artwork posted in Luther Hall, Dr. Barbara Fedeler, professor of art and the instructor of the class which displayed the student artwork, said.

Fedeler said she was deeply saddened by the vandalism.

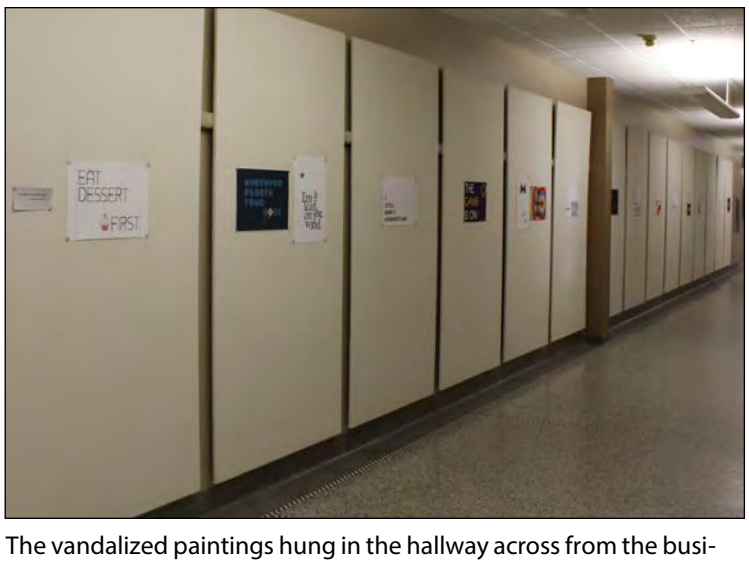
"I take great pride in the accomplishments of students and the recognition afforded by the public display spaces," Fedeler said. "I feel affronted and disturbed by the lack of respect for property."

As the professor for the class, she had watched the amount of effort the students put into their artwork. Fedeler also knew the students were disappointed.

"I feel sadness for the students affected, for they have invested time in creating the paintings," Fedeler said.

Despite the recent vandalism, Fedeler said she will continue to hang student artwork in Luther Hall thanks in part to its location.

"The space is well suited for display," Fedeler said.



The vandalized paintings hung in the hallway across from the business and financial aid office . They have been taken down and were replaced with different artwork.— **Ta'Mone Williams***/TRUMPET*

Development plan voted down

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Despite the student development plan pilot being voted down 44 to 25 by faculty, the college will continue to revise and revisit the plan, a part of Wartburg's Strategic Initiative.

The student development plan focuses on making the curriculum more intentional about connecting curricular and co-curricular activities, providing opportunities for reflection on the learning that takes place outside the classroom and providing mentors for students.

The goal of the plan is to make sure all students are meeting the common learning outcomes set by the college.

After a task force of faculty, staff and administration worked on the student development plan proposal for about two years, faculty voted down implementing a pilot version. Dean of Faculty Mark Biermann said the faculty had concerns relating to time and cost resources.

Pathways Center Director and task force member Vicki Edelnant said those concerns could have been addressed if the pilot was implemented.

"I was very disappointed. I think some people forgot why we were here in the first place, or they were looking for something like this but it just wasn't what they had in mind," Edelnant said.

The plan was started after a Strategic Initiative planning meeting in which members heard from several speakers about learning that takes place outside of the classroom.

The college looked at what similar institutions focused on when it came to co-curricular learning and then moved forward with the student development plan.

Edelnant said the plan could help students that are overinvolved at Wartburg reflect on their activities to narrow down their passions and goals while also pushing students that aren't involved to add some extracurriculars. The task force found through a national college survey that 15 percent of Wartburg's students are not engaged in co-curricular activities.

"Some faculty were not persuaded that there was a need. Many faculty felt that this was happening more organically already," Edelnant said. "They're already very busy people, and feel like they're committing a lot to their jobs and felt like they were afraid that this would be an additional burden that they didn't want to take on if they couldn't do it well. I think some of them didn't trust that staff colleagues would handle mentoring well."

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Student feedback

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suggestion boxes will depend on the amount of time Colson and the administration put into the suggestions.

"If he does not thoroughly read every note and chooses not to inform the Senate or the Board of Regents about the issue, then nothing will happen and the box will be useless," Bidwell said. "Also, I think that it would be a great idea to post answers to the suggestions alongside Senate emails or outside of President Colson's office."

Bidwell appreciates the boxes, but wishes there were other face-to-face ways to communicate with the President, like open question-and-answer meetings for all students.

Bidwell said although the suggestion boxes will likely increase communication between students and administration, students need make specific suggestions that administration can actually take action on.

"If students are continuously saying, 'Lower tuition!' then it is difficult for P Col to do much about that kind of note.

"But if we offer little ideas, like 'We need more tables in the Science Center study areas so that students can lay their books down,' then that kind of idea is specific enough to work," Bidwell said.

Student Senate Minutes

Dr. Margaret Empie spoke to Student Senate about the results of the Dining Services Survey from earlier this year.

Supplemental funding was awarded to the Dance Team, Alliance and students presenting at the Clinton Global Initiative Conference.

Interested in May Term Senate? Applications will be posted on the Senate website soon.

An Orange Connection group visiting Chicago. — **Submitted photo**

Student showcase

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A showcase open house featuring Orange Connection, Service Trips, Löhe and Residence projects will take place in the Saemann Student Center and the McCoy rooms on Tuesday, March 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Yvonne Ayesiga, residential life service-learning coordinator, said the showcase was created as one of the many ways to highlight student involvement on campus, and share student experiences.

Torrence Warren, Pathways Center associate for vocation and mentoring, added it is an opportunity for students to demonstrate their learning to others. It will also show others how they can get involved, Warren said.

The showcase will highlight all of the Löhe service learning projects from the year.

Students living in the Residence will tell about the volunteer work they have participated in.

"The Res suites can show what or how they are getting out in the community," Ayesiga said.

"I'm excited to see all my student's projects. It takes a lot of time to create posters and bulletin boards."

Students who are going to be living in Löhe or the Residence for the first time are encouraged to attend.

Originally designed through Residential Life to show what the two academic-based dorms are doing and to highlight each individual project, Orange Connection and Service Trips joined later.

"I think it is a neat opportunity for students to show what they have learned," Warren said.

Orange Connection and Service Trips will also have visual aids, pictures, reflection pieces and a poster or PowerPoint to show the locations students visited.

"I encourage students to stop by because it can encourage them to participate in projects like these," Warren said.

"It is important to remember that learning takes place outside of the classroom. This event is like a celebration for students to culminate all they did this year," she said.

Wartburg Trumpet Choir members play with clinician and soloist Vince DiMartino. — **Submitted photo**

Trumpet Festival hosts soloists

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Thirty-two high school and middle school trumpet players joined the Wartburg College Trumpet Choir and soloists Dr. Rolf Olson and Vince DiMartino for the fourth Wartburg College Trumpet Festival.

For Wartburg College Trumpet Choir Director Dr. Scott Muntefering, each year of the festival has continually improved.

"We envisioned the festival as a way for us to bring international trumpet performers and educators to our campus, to work with our trumpet players and then to have high schoolers to come to campus too," he said.

Muntefering himself was mentored by Olson during his time at the University of South Dakota.

"Rolf was my teacher in undergrad, so that's kind of a little pay back thing, to have him come over.

"And then Vince was just one of those, you know, he's probably one of the best trumpeters in our generation, yours and mine," Muntefering said.

Muntefering said the opportunity to play with Olson and DiMartino was as much a learning opportunity for him as the students.

DiMartino, a retired artist-in-residence at Centre College in Kentucky, played with Olson and Muntefering during a faculty recital Thursday, March 20.

"Just to have a little slice of getting to play with them is just a hoot, because I learn a lot just being around them, not necessarily having a lesson, but just by standing next to them," he said.

"Playing with them, I learn new techniques, which I can then share with all the trumpet students here."

For Wartburg Trumpet Choir member Sarah White, having the opportunity to work with professionals like Olson and DiMartino remains one of her favorite parts of the Trumpet Festival.

"In the past two years, I have worked with the guest artists one-on-one and having them listen to how I play was very nerve-wrecking, but the criticism and guidance they gave me in those master classes really helped me to improve my skills and shaped the way that I play my trumpet today," White said.

White first began playing the trumpet during middle school and said it is key for young students to have experiences with teachers like Olson, DiMartino and Muntefering.

"I believe that through this program, which is open to many high schools, big and small, students like me will now have the opportunity to make this dream come true," White said.

"I hope that by witnessing these professionals, the students find that burning passion to continue on with music and the parents realize that their children could one day accomplish such amazing music," she said.

A trumpet trio featuring (from left) Vince DiMartino, Dr. Scott Muntefering and Dr. Rolf Olson performed. — **Ta'Mone Williams***/TRUMPET*

Thirty-two high school and middle school students participated in the Trumpet Festival. The students came from across Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois to participate. — **Ta'Mone Williams***/TRUMPET*

RAGBRAI rides by Wartburg

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Thousands of bicyclers will be making their way around Wartburg's campus on July 24 according to the detailed 2014 RAGBRAI route released last week.

This summer will be the first time since 1999 that RAGBRAI has passed through Waverly and the first time the riders will be riding on 12th St. and 1st St. NW which passes around Wartburg.

The bicyclers will be riding on 12th St. and 1st St. NW which passes right around Wartburg College.—**Ta'Mone Williams***/TRUMPET*

"Routes change every year for the event so there's no particular reason why Waverly or this particular route has been chosen," Tab Ray, Waverly city leisure services director, said. "They all just said that it's time we come back to Waverly."

Having hosted this event in past years, RAGBRAI has the potential to bring many benefits to Waverly and the surrounding community, Ray said.

The city will be charging vendors throughout the event which will help pay for extra staff time, police, clean-up and all of the extra charges for the city.

RAGBRAI committee members are also looking at having the cover band Arch Allies entertain during the event downtown to help attract visitors to restaurants and stores.

"It's said that hosting a RAGBRAI event does not cost the city anything," Ray said. "It provides even greater opportunities for local businesses and non-profits to make extra money."

Non-profit groups in the community will have priority and will be charged a lower fee for vending compared to vendors from out of town.

Wartburg is excited as a whole for the event and the possibilities to bring good publicity to the college, Abbie Smith, assistant director of alumni and parent relations, said.

"RAGBRAI has the potential to bring alumni, parents and friends of the college and also prospective students to Wartburg without us having to reach out to them," Smith said. "We can get all of our alumni to stop and celebrate just being in Waverly with us."

Currently in the works are deciding potential campground space and other arrangements. Wartburg is assisting with organizing details for the community event.

While using this event as a marketing opportunity for the college, Wartburg will also be planning RAGBRAI around other events at the college including Snow Valley Basketball camp, Smith said.

"There's just a lot of logistics that need to be worked out with the city, the RAGBRAI committee and Wartburg," Smith said.

"I think a lot of people just think it's a lot of work and there's so much to prepare for, and there is, but it's just one day, too. It provides that opportunity again for Wartburg and the community to connect and make decisions together."

Participating in the event this summer, Wartburg will have their own Knight Riders team, made up of alumni of all ages.

The team will consist of 20 riders and will have matching Wartburg Knight Riders jerseys.

To register for the event, alumni can sign up online by March 30.

"Wartburg's goal for the event is just to connect with as many alumni and visitors in any way that we can," Smith said.

"We're just going to use this opportunity to bring new people to us."

Culture Week kickoff

Wartburg international students kicked off Culture Week with the Culture Fair on Sunday. Students could explore the world with representatives from almost 60 different nations while sampling international cuisine. Events highlighting Wartburg's international student community will be held throughout the week. For the full Culture Week schedule of events, check out The Circuit. — **Ta'Mone Williams***/TRUMPET*

Stage to big screen

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Waverly resident Earlene Hawley wrote the play "Sons and Daughters of Thunder" in the early 1970s.

Over 30 years later, the play is moving from the stage to the big screen in a new film produced by Fourth Wall Films.

Hawley has written several plays, including an opera, but never dreamed her work would capture this kind of interest.

Her play has been produced for the stage three times in Oregon after she first wrote it.

"It's very exciting, very pleasurable," Hawley said. "I'm trying not to get too excited about it. We have seen some of their work and we're very impressed so that's encouraging."

The play is based on the true historical events relating to anti-slavery debates at Cincinnati's Ohio Lane Theological Seminary in 1834.

During this time period, Theodore Weld, a leader in the abolitionist movement, organized the student-led debates at Lane Seminary to abolish slavery in the Northern states.

Hawley said the inspiration came to her while working on a play about Frederick Douglass, an escaped slave famous for his anti-slavery activism during the Civil War era.

"I worked on it for months. It just wasn't getting there and in the process I came upon the story and wrote it," she said. "The old days were kind of rough."

Earlene's husband, Kent Hawley, a retired Wartburg administrator, said the play focuses on several historical and ethical issues including slavery, women's rights and freedom of speech.

A film based on Earlene Hawley's play, "Sons and Daughters of Thunder" will be released in 2015. —**Caitlin Harbach***/TRUMPET*

The production team is planning their next shoot for April 19 at the Manuscript Library in Rock Island, Ill. The producers have asked the couple to come to the shoot.

Kent always knew his wife had a gift in writing, even when they first met in college.

By helping find a sponsor and raise funds needed for the film, he said he wants to make sure his wife of almost 60 years gets recognized for all she has put into her writing.

"She's always been a writer," Kent said. "When she would fill blue book after blue book after blue book, the rest of the class would really resent that. She's been recognized in other places but coming (to Iowa), she was just another wife."

Fourth Wall Films plans to complete shooting the film by the end of May and then begin the editing process.

The film will be released in 2015.

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Students should choose housing

College should be more lenient in reviewing students' off campus applications

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Living off campus in either a house or an apartment, where you can be in charge, sounds great and would be a welcome change for most Wartburg students.

Wartburg is considered a residential college, meaning all full-time students are expected to live on campus for all four years.

Certain exemptions are considered when a student is married, if a student is over 23 years old or if a student is living with a parent or guardian within 30 miles of campus.

Other exemptions can be made as well, but they are not as common. Any student wanting to live off campus must turn in an application that is then reviewed by the committee of off-campus housing.

While Wartburg is a residential campus, it should make the process of living off campus easier for students who want to do so.

Living off campus could save students money on room and board and could provide more freedom.

Sophomore Cody Carlson currently lives on campus in Löhe Hall, but has applied to get off-campus permission for the next school year. Carlson said he wants the chance to live in an apartment because he likes the idea of living on his own without people watching over him.

"I think it would be awesome to have my own place that I can take care of myself. I think all students should get the right to live where they want if we go to school here," Carlson said.

Loras College has a more lenient off-campus policy. Their policy says a student must live on campus for at least three years before being able to move off campus.

There are also certain exceptions allowing students to move away from campus before their senior year, including being 21 before the first day of classes in the fall semester and if a student has more than 80 credits.

This policy shows that even other small, residential colleges have less-strict off-campus rules and regulations than Wartburg. This is something that should be changed because students should be able to make their own decisions regarding where they live.

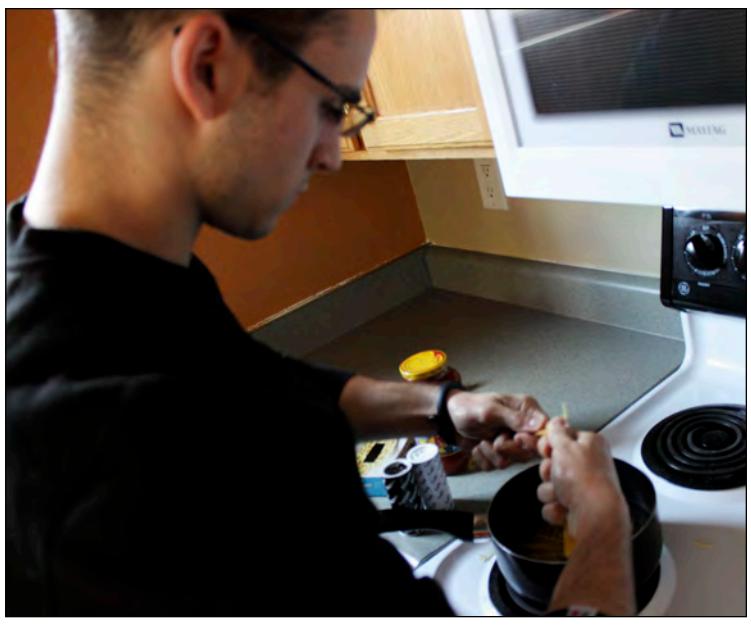
Choosing the best living environment is an integral part of students' academic success and financial stability throughout college.

Students facing the option to live on or off campus should consider the differences in cost and convenience between the two as well as how close both are to campus and classes.

Proximity to campus is not a huge issue for off campus students living at Wartburg, as Waverly is not a very large town. The commute to and from classes would not take very much time.

Another big factor in determining the right fit for a student is if a student wants to live in a room with other students or not.

Month-to-month rent is one more factor related to living off campus. On-campus housing is dealt with for the most part at the end of each semester, not every month.



Adam Azzaro prepares food in an off-campus apartment. Most students live on campus all years. — **Ta'Mone Williams**/*TRUMPET*

While there are definitely some disadvantages and advantages of living on campus, students should make up their own minds of where to live.

Since students are paying money to attend school here, the decision should be for the students to pick a living arrangement.

Even though Wartburg is a residential college, the decision of where to live should be made by the students.

Choice Tweets

- I have absolutely no motivation to finish the semester.
- It's days like these when I wish I didn't have five different papers to write so I could just go on a long run to escape reality.
- That awkward moment when you skip class and run into your adviser. Who just so happens to teach that class.
- We need a hockey team or men's lacrosse. I would definitely play both.
- The Complex always has so many different smells and not one of them is pleasant.
- Why is there an entire elementary school district in the Mensa?
- No printers in the dorms and it's cold. #StoryOfMyLife
- While giving a tour, the brother of a prospective student asked how tame the squirrels were. I whistled and snapped and it sat on my foot. #Dr.Dolittle
- Sometimes college is like high school...there are always some people you know will never grow up.

Choice Tweets is dedicated to the (truthful?) expression of the students, faculty, staff and alumni of Wartburg College. Want to share your thoughts, observations or wisdom? Serious or delirious, it's time that you're heard! Tweet #choicewords at @wartburgtrumpet to see your thoughts here! You can also submit Choice Words on The Circuit at wartburgcircuit.org/choicewords. The Trumpet reserves the right to censor inappropriate and libelous comments.

Letter to the editor:

Students will still be able to work 20 hours per week during academic year despite ACA

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Many students are asking: Wartburg is raising tuition and now they're reducing our opportunities to work on campus and receive pay?

The article, "Less work, less pay," in the Trumpet March 3 correctly explained the steps the college is taking to adhere to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), but the headline and subtitle may have deceived students.

Less work? Not so. Wartburg relies heavily on student employees to help maintain its operations, providing quality customer service to guests and fellow students as well as insights for new initiatives to keep our campus on the leading edge.

In fact, students fill approximately 1,500 positions on campus, averaging a total of 25,500 hours per month. The college has no intention of reducing its student workforce, but continues to explore ways to expand it.

As stated in the article, the ACA requires large employers to offer health insurance coverage to any employee working an average of 30 hours per week.

> *"Wartburg relies heavily on student employees to help maintain its operations, providing quality customer service...to keep our campus on the leading edge."*

However, Wartburg has a long-standing policy that limits students to 20 hours per week during the academic year and 40 hours per week during the summer months and academic year breaks.

This policy was implemented many years ago to ensure the priority of academics as well as the availability of funds for all students participating in the student employment program.

Therefore, the total number of hours students can work per week will not be impacted.

We are taking steps to ensure that everyone is following our current policy, which has nothing to do with the ACA.

Less pay? Nearly 60 percent of our students participate in the student employment program.

While student employment is a supplemental-learning opportunity for students' experiences in the classroom, we also understand that students depend upon their wages to help pay for a portion of tuition, room and board and related expenses.

The college budgets nearly $2 million just for student wages and has no intention of reducing it.

In summary, Wartburg College remains dedicated to sustaining the student employment program and current student employment positions on campus.

At this time, we anticipate the ACA will have no impact on the student employment program.

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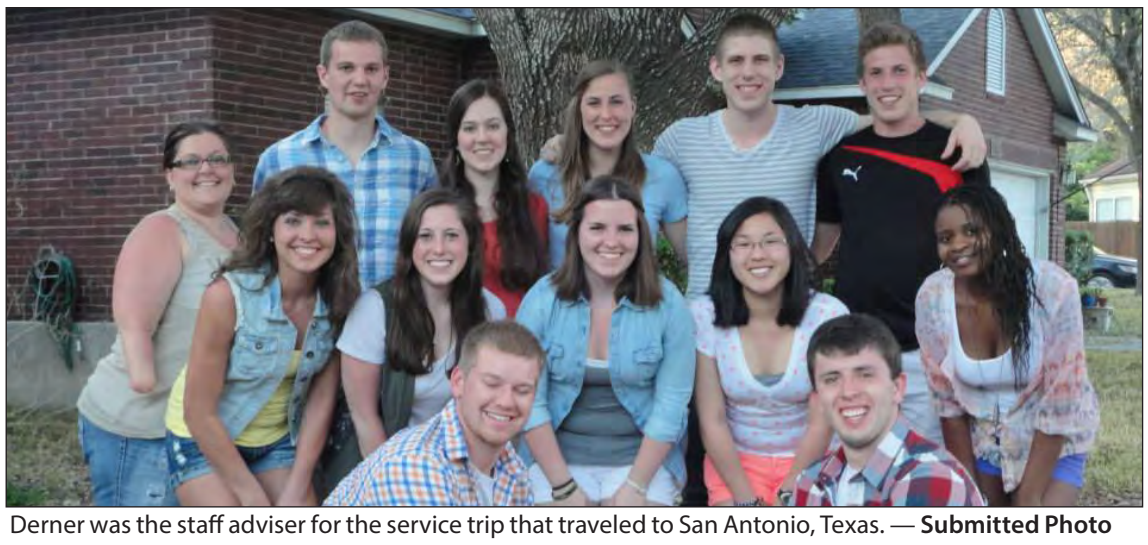
The story behind an everyday face

Mensa Service Supervisor Tonya Derner tells her story and how it's gotten her to where she is today

Tonya Derner smiles for the camera with her date to her junior prom. One week later, she had her right hand amputated because she had soft tissue lymphoma, a rare cancer. — **Submitted Photo**



Derner was the staff adviser for the service trip that traveled to San Antonio, Texas. — **Submitted Photo**

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In 15 minutes, Tonya Derner's life changed forever.

"At 17 years old, I thought my world was absolutely over. I was utterly devastated," Derner, a supervisor in the Mensa, said.

She had walked into the clinic that spring day to get a check-up on her right hand to make sure it was healing properly.

Previously, she had a lump removed and now the doctors wanted to speak with her.

Derner said she remembers what happened next like it was yesterday.

"My doctor looked right at me and said, 'Tonya, I have two daughters your age and I could never imagine having to tell them this: the test results came back and it is cancerous.'"

The look of devastation on her mother's face when she heard the news is something Derner said she will never forget.

The cancer was soft tissue lymphoma, an exceedingly rare type of cancer.

According to the website for the National Institute of Health, the cancer accounts for only 0.1-2 percent of soft tissue tumors.

Derner said she was the second person in Iowa City to ever have this type of cancer.

That individual died within five years of getting it.

Because the cancer was nowhere else besides her hand, Derner needed to undergo amputation. However, her junior prom was only a week away.

Derner and her family decided to wait until after the prom to get the surgery done.

"All my junior prom pictures are of me with two hands so I could keep that memory forever. I never wanted to forget what it was like to have two hands," Derner said.

"But honestly, sitting here today, I can't tell you what that was like at all. Having one hand is just part of who I am."

The Friday after prom, Derner went to the hospital for the amputation.

She defied all the doctor's expectations by returning home after only one day in the hospital.

The doctors had thought she would remain in the hospital for over a month.

Afterwards, she had to learn how to write with her left hand and tie her shoes with only one hand.

Her friends were supportive at first, but many could not handle the whispers or stares.

She said she went from being a 17-year-old girl going out on weekends to staying at home by herself.

"I did get depressed at one point in time. I thought about suicide, because I felt like I didn't have a plan for life anymore. I thought I had it all figured out, and it didn't happen that way," Derner said.

Still, Derner managed to keep going.

"I didn't want to act defeated or act upset or like it was the end of the world. I had two little brothers. I had to be brave for them," she said.

Looking back on all that has happened since then, Derner said she wakes up every day and is thankful.

"I've had such positive things happen in my life that I would have missed out on if that one horrible thing hadn't happened to me," Derner said.

"Just when you think you have everything planned out in your life and something happens, it happens for a reason."

As of April 12, Derner will be 15 years cancer-free.

Students raised in rough neighborhoods see college as a refuge

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Separated by a river that divides the east and the west side, Waterloo hides stories that many Wartburg students have never heard about.

Located only 25 minutes away from Waverly, gang-related shootings are becoming more common.

Wesley Bates, an aspiring musician who goes to Wartburg, said that his neighborhood in Waterloo is surrounded with negativity and violence.

"I wanted to be positive and to grow apart from them who wanted to do different things," Bates said.

"You could not be mad at someone who wanted to further their education."

Bates, who went to Waterloo East High School, recalled a period of "us against the West" when it came to athletic competitions.

"A lot of people didn't really like the east side or they had bad things to say about the high school because we are typically 87 percent African-American students."

Over time, Bate's high school has progressed "but you still can't change some of the people inside of it," Bates said.

"I had a few friends who were knuckleheads, being in and out of school, not doing homework, coming in and smelling like alcohol or drugs," he said.

In many cases, numbers of younger residents of Waterloo who drop out of school "retaliate" and cause anxiety in the neighborhood because they have nothing to do.

"Being a kid is sometimes hard in our area because there is so much going on," Bates said.

Gregena Heard feels the same way about her hometown in East St. Louis.

According to Neighborhood Scout, East St. Louis is ranked no. 1 as the most dangerous city in the United States.

"Having students from different areas come to one high school causes altercations," Heard said.

Bates and Heard see college as a way to change their destiny and to get out.

"You don't always have to look over your shoulder wondering what is going to happen," Heard said.

"Being in college makes you not worry about that because you are not there. It takes a lot of stress out of you."

Professor of political science Dr. Bret Billet, who grew up in Chicago, said territorial-based gangs are created because of an absence of values to hold onto.

"That's all they have as a value, a neighborhood heritage," Billet said.

"A community that does not have any prosperous development is likely to look for a scapegoat. Gangs do the same thing. Gang is an offshoot of that lack of development."

Billet said that economic development is the solution for communities to turn away from a life of destruction.

"I truly believe if you can increase people's economic position, you'll see a decrease in that kind of activity," he said.

Wes Bates takes advantage of his opportunities at Wartburg by rapping at several events throughout the year. — **Submitted Photo**

Brothers spread message of peace

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Dr. Kunihiko Terasawa's father told him and his three brothers about the first time he encountered God when they were very young. Terasawa's father was on a ship in the South Pacific during World War II when a torpedo hit the ship and flung him into the ocean.

He swam until the point of exhaustion with nothing to hold on to. He thought he would die.

Suddenly, he heard a voice telling him to look back. He listened, and found some wood from the ship floating nearby. He reached out and was saved, able to float on the wood to a small island.

Terasawa's father never quite understood the voice that led him to those pieces of wood, but he wouldn't stop searching for answers. He explored religion for the rest of his life, something that rubbed off on two of his four sons.

"He wanted to know, 'What is God?' This became his life concern," Terasawa, assistant professor of world religions, said.

"He couldn't keep work because he was always thinking about it. It made my mother suffer and I didn't like it. But I have my father's genes, so I became interested in it. Life is sometimes beyond your plan," he said.

Terasawa not only became interested, he devoted his life to learning about religion.

He was raised in Japan, following Buddhism and Confucianism, but wanted to better understand Christianity as it related to Western culture.

He attended Drew University, Theological School in New Jersey, entered in the PhD program of religion at Temple University and then became a lecturer of religion and philosophy at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

"By learning a different religion, we can awaken our own religious roots, re-identify our own traditions and have an interreligious dialogue with others," Terasawa said.

As he was growing up, Terasawa never forgot about his older brother, Junsei, who had become a Buddhist monk.

Junsei has shared his message for a more social Buddhism around the world. He helped build a peace pagoda in London and was part of anti-nuclear war peace movements throughout Europe.

Terasawa and his brother share a mission to create peace through interreligious dialogue, something Terasawa teaches his students at Wartburg.

Kaly Adkins, a student in Terasawa's Buddhism class, said it's a common theme in his courses.

"He teaches content on the religion he's lecturing about, but if you're a Christian, he wants you to have a deeper understanding of why you believe what you believe and understand other religions and how they're connected," Adkins said.

Terasawa and his brother became interested in the differences between Buddhism, which often focuses on inner spirituality, and Christianity, which has affected social issues and ethics in communities.

(Left to right) Dr. Kunihiko Terasawa, assistant professor of world religions (as a high school student), sits with his brother Junsei Terasawa and their uncle soon after Junsei became a Buddhist monk. —**Submitted photo**

"Christians are very good at social justice, but by fighting injustice can become very critical of others," Terasawa said. "Sometimes accusing someone's inner shadow creates a shadow behind me," he said.

Terasawa said Buddhism offers some wisdom to deal with Christianity's dualistic dilemma of everything being black or white and good or evil.

However, Buddhism can take note of social justice from Christianity as well.

Professor of religion Dr. Brian Jones said Terasawa's desire to learn about multiple religions is what makes him a remarkable professor.

"Anyone that is Buddhist and can go through Christian seminary, that's pretty amazing," Jones said. "He's very open to other religions and has a huge amount of enthusiasm."

Terasawa is working on publishing a dissertation about interreligious dialogue and how "Buddhist transnational solidarity could have stopped WWII."

Junsei is still traveling to spread his message of different religions working together for peace, human rights, economic diversity and equality. Junsei is now in Ukraine to help the people's non-violent resistance.

Even Terasawa's dream of peace can be traced back to his father's story of survival.

When his father reached the small island, he met an American soldier. They were both weaponless and exhausted.

Instead of trying to fight, they shared tobacco and bonded over their near-death experience. When they saw help coming, they agreed to separate and pretend they never saw each other.

Terasawa's father never saw the man again, but the peace they shared together never left him or his sons.

Tibbott's 'adopted' family won't stop growing

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Before her guests arrived, Ruth Tibbott looked at the table setting. It looked like something from a Mad Hatter tea party. A meat platter sat next to a normal dinner plate. Plates on top of plates were stacked on the platter. Because there were no more table spoons, tea spoons were set out in their place. Mixed chairs were ready for seats to be filled.

For Tibbott this type of table setting is not unusual. The seats are filled with students that she has turned into family. Since she started working in the Mensa two years ago, Tibbott has added to her family by taking international students under her wing.

"I was new here and afraid. They were all new here and afraid also, so I think it was a mutual bond," Tibbott said.

Even with two grown sons of her own, Tibbott said she just always wants to be a mom. Helping these students and adopting them into her life allows her to continue to do that.

She said kids have a sense of home and need a mom or dad for discipline but also guidance.

"I don't think they ever resent that. Sometimes they get advice. They usually ask for it, but when they are not well I tell them to go to the doctor and when they need to straighten something up they usually do it," Tibbott said.

Selasi Ametewee said the most difficult part of leaving her home in Zimbabwe was her mom not being around to do things for her. Ametewee said Tibbott helped by treating her and other international students like her own kids.

Bryan Ho, from Hong Kong, said one big difference he encountered was the food here compared to that at home.

"Ruth tried her best to make good food to fit me, so she showed me the other side of the American food.

"Also, we tried to make some Asian dishes which she doesn't like the taste of them sometimes. But she tries so hard to fit us, or me in particular.

"She keeps saying I'm hard to please," Ho said.

Tibbott said she will invite international students over for holiday dinners during breaks.

There have been tea parties served by Tibbott's young grandson and one of his friends. After one party, Ametewee told Tibbott she felt like a princess.

"They can never stay long because of studies but they are so welcome to come," Tibbott said. "They are easy to please and they are pleasing to be around."

When they graduate Tibbott knows not everyone will stay in touch and she said she has learned to be OK with that.

"When they go back home I may not hear from them. After a while you promise to call and write but people don't do that. I know that. I know that they are going to remember the friendship that we had," Tibbott said.

The international students she meets teach her about the world, which is something she said she could have never learned from schooling.

However, Tibbott said they have also taught her humility, fervor, zealousness and how to calm down.

Tibbott said when she first moved to Waverly she did not know why she was here.

"If it is for one person that I can pray for or one person I can love, that is why I'm here. That is why God had me here," Tibbott said, "Now I see it is these kids. He has given me a place to be and to love."

Ruth Tibbott will have her "children" like Selasi Ametewee and Bryan Ho over for meals and also opens her kitchen for them to come over to cook their own food to bring back to campus. — **Submitted Photo**

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Anderson wins third straight title

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Even with the mat on a stage, bright lights, thousands of fans and the pressure of winning a third straight NCAA title, wrestling has always been the same for Kenny Anderson.

As a kid in Massachusetts, Anderson laid out a blanket on a wooden floor and wrestled his brother for the mythical NCAA championship.

Three-time national champions were like superheroes to him. Now, as he carried a championship belt around with him during the post-meet celebration, he's one of those superheroes — only 15 in Division III.

Anderson won his third straight NCAA Division III title March 15, in Cedar Rapids with a takedown in overtime against Ithaca's Alex Gomez to win 4-2.

"It's weird to think about," Anderson said. "It hasn't hit me. I still feel like a kid trying to wrestle, really."

Anderson's road to three national championships began at Iowa Central, where he dropped out after a year and returned home to wash buses full time.

Miserable, he decided to return to wrestling at Wartburg, led here by former Iowa Central and Wartburg wrestler Carrington Banks.

Anderson was joking with his brother shortly before coming to Wartburg.

"I was like, 'if I go to Wartburg, I'll win one (NCAA championship) and come back.' That was a dumb statement," Anderson said. "I loved it and they loved me so it worked out. It's special."

Head coach Eric Keller didn't know much about him when he first arrived on campus, but quickly realized he was special.

"We had no idea what to expect when he first got here but once he started competing, yeah, we knew," Keller said. "He's a competitor. That guy is a competitor in every sense of the word. He's a warrior."

Anderson joins elite company at Wartburg. Dustin Hinschberger and Byron Tate are the only other Knights to have won three NCAA championships for the program that's now tied with Augsburg for the most team titles (11) in Division III.

"Two guys that are just workhorses and now you've got Kenny in there, that's an unbelievable group," Keller said. "I'm so proud of that guy."

Kenny Anderson celebrates after winning his third straight Division III national title. — **Nathan Ford**/*TRUMPET*

Needing a reversal to tie the score and force overtime, Anderson got some inspiration from his friends and family in the stands.

"I could hear the Boston accents and it felt like home," Anderson said. "I was like, 'there is no way I can go down right now.'"

It became just like wrestling on the blanket on the wooden floor, a chance he almost never got again.

"I had a job, I wasn't going to school, I wasn't wrestling and I was just dreaming, basically," Anderson said. "These guys gave me a shot. I'm really lucky."

Welter proves he can win again

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Wartburg's wrestlers are used to winning team championships, but no one can boast more than senior Cole Welter.

Welter was a part of his 16th state or national championship Saturday night in Cedar Rapids when the Knights won their fourth straight NCAA Division III championship.

Yes, 16. His high school, Don Bosco, won four Iowa High School Athletic Association traditional and four state duals championships during his time there.

Welter said he chose Wartburg in part because it's only a 35-minute drive from his hometown of Gilbertville, but also because he knew he would have a chance to compete on another team rich with a successful history.

"Honestly, a lot of it is luck," Welter said. "I've been on good teams. I chose to go to Wartburg so this would happen."

Wartburg head coach Eric Keller knows a thing or two about winning, and he saw that mindset in Welter at practice every day.

"That's unbelievable. The guy knows what it's like to win," Keller said. "The guy's been a part of championships. He knows what it's like to do it."

Welter won three state individual championships in high school and capped his wrestling career with his first NCAA title at 165 pounds March 15, one of three victorious Knights.

Scoreless in the 2nd period of his championship match against Washington and Jefferson's Nicholas Carr, Welter continued to get frustrated as he tried to escape, but was pushed out of bounds five straight times. But his winning attitude paid off.

"I was getting tired and I looked over and he was huffing and puffing and it gave me that extra energy there," Welter said. "I got to my feet and he was kind of standing around, he wasn't faking as much as he used to, I could feel him wearing down and I hit my shot crisp. I was pretty confident from that point."

Welter scored two takedowns in the final period to go up 5-1 and eventually win 5-3.

"I'm so excited about that guy," Keller said. "He didn't take a day off, mentally or physically. He came in every day with that fire in his eye and on a mission. It paid off."

Welter said he's fortunate to be a part of two wrestling-loving communities.

"I looked up and there was half the town of Gilbertville here," Welter said after being handed his individual trophy Saturday. "It just motivates me and I'm blessed to have all my community behind me."

Cole Welter with his hand raised in victory after his first national championship win. — **Nathan Ford**/*TRUMPET*

Nutting's take: Coaches should not be fired for losing seasons

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When coaches are winning at DI colleges, they can expect to ink a multiyear, multimillion dollar deal. However, if a coach has consecutive losing seasons, their coaching job may be in jeopardy.

At the DIII level, this isn't always the case.

It isn't just about winning or losing, and coaches aren't hired or fired based on records. And that's the way it should be.

Of Wartburg College's 15 current head coaches, six have held a head coaching position with the college more than ten years.

Athletic director Rick Willis oversees the hiring process in the athletic department at Wartburg.

"Certainly success plays into an evaluation, but I think at this level, strictly wins and losses…is not the same in terms of criteria as it might be at a DI school," Willis said.

Smaller schools can't afford to have as high a turnover rate of coaches as DI programs.

Wartburg All-American third-baseman Ryan Powers said playing at the DIII level allows athletes like him to focus on school.

"I think academics are really a bigger part than what people see," Powers said. "DIII you're going there really to get an education first."

When Joel Holst took the head baseball coaching position at Wartburg in 1995, he never imagined he would still be coaching the Knights 19 years later.

Not only is he one of Wartburg's longest tenured head coaches, but in that time he's compiled a 491-230-2 (.679%) record while becoming the 28th member of DIII's 500-win club.

"I don't think you ever go into a place thinking you're going to be here for as long as I've been here," Holst said.

Powers said the stability in the coaching staff was a big part of choosing to come to Wartburg.

"I knew coming here with the success that coach Holst has had, I was never worried about him leaving," Powers said. "Really the only thing you thought about was him going up a level."

There are over 400,000 NCAA athletes each year, and many will never get the chance to play professionally. DIII programs understand this principal and Holst agrees with the philosophy.

"There are 470 NCAA DIII schools in the nation. They made those decisions (to put academics first) a long time ago and I think the priorities are right," Holst said.

"At the DI level, in some of the major sports, I just think it's reversed."

The never-ending coaching carousel at the DI level will continue to spin out of control as jobs become won or lost over the next three weeks of March Madness.

It shouldn't matter. What should matter is the experience the players are receiving.

Institutions at the DIII level are right in keeping coaches based on more than their record. Maybe it's time DI schools start doing the same.

Softball turnaround

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The softball team after winning eight straight games during its trip to Florida. — **Submitted Photo**

At the onset of the 2014 season, there were not high expectations for a Wartburg softball program that had just 10 wins total over the last two seasons.

But this year, the team is riding a 10-game winning streak en route to a 15-3 overall record with 14 freshmen on the roster.

One of those new faces, junior college transfer Paige Blom, said the results of the last two years don't matter to them.

"Since we weren't here, we don't know any better so we're just trying to make our own legacy," said Blom, a pitcher who transferred from Indian Hills.

Freshman infielder Taylor Smola has led the charge at the plate for the Knights thus far, hitting a team-high .472 with 25 RBIs. The Wisconsin native said the team's trip to Florida made the group closer.

"Working well together has helped us through these first games and just trusting each other and knowing that we have each other's backs through every single play, every single game," Smola said.

That cohesion on the field is one of the big things head coach LeighAnn LaFave has seen on the diamond this season.

"We have players that are scrappy ball players that want to get the job done," LaFave said.

LaFave said after a couple years of struggling, this is the year the team can get back to Wartburg's winning ways, last seen in 2009 when the Knights finished 37-8 and were ranked No. 12 nationally.

"The difference with this freshman class is that they have the opportunity to come in and build the program that they want," LaFave said. "They understand what it takes."

At the forefront of that movement is Smola, who LaFave sees as a leader on and off the field.

"She's got this leadership style that everybody gravitates towards," LaFave said. "I think she is a game changer for us and we're looking to see great things from her."

Blom and Smola are grateful for the guidance of upperclassmen like Katie Wyman and Savannah Warburton for helping them transition to the college game.

"They've kind of told us what we have to do and what the program's about and where we want to be at the end of the year," Blom said.

"I have so much respect for them as players and people because no one wants to lose," Smola said.

LaFave said the upperclassman have done a good job helping the newcomers buy in to the program and help build a winning culture that could be the foundation for years to come.

The team's motto this season is "All in," with an emphasis on everybody sacrificing personal stats for team success. Smola said that mentality has fueled their play this season.

"We all want it so I think that's another big thing because it's hard to win another conference championship if we don't want to succeed and don't want to go to the conference tournament," Smola said.

Tennis program looks to expand west

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Wartburg's tennis teams pose together during their Winter Break trip to Colorado. — **Submitted Photo**

Horace Greely's famous 1865 quote, "Go West, young man," referring to American expansion has a modern use for Wartburg's tennis coach, Mike Strydom.

Perennial Iowa Conference powers Coe and Luther, which have won all but one championship in the history of IIAC women's tennis, and haven't won just three since 1969 on the men's side have a stranglehold on recruiting in Iowa (Coe) and Minnesota (Luther).

So, Strydom is targeting somewhere new: Colorado.

"There's no reason not to go there," Strydom said.

With sophomores Melissa Davis and Katherine Ross as ambassadors, Strydom is confident he can attract more Colorado natives to the school.

"They're just so alive and charismatic and magnetic," Strydom said. "Whenever I bring recruits on campus I make sure they meet Mel and Kat because they're the message you want to send of your team."

And they've got free housing for team trips, like the one the Knights made this Winter Break.

"It helps that their parents are just fantastic, too," Strydom said.

Strydom has been able to set up contacts for his recruiting in Colorado thanks in large part to Davis' mother being a coach and Ross' father a former scout.

Davis was recruited by former coach Matt Tyler, who coached her growing up in Colorado. She also has grandparents in Cedar Rapids, making Wartburg a natural fit.

Wartburg isn't completely foreign to most Colorado tennis players, either. The college has upped its presence there with Wartburg West and advertising, such as the banner the team saw while shopping in a mall on its trip.

"It's kind of fun to tell my friends in Colorado that are interested potentially in tennis that we have a lot of Colorado people already and have some good ties like Wartburg West," Davis said.

Freshman Andre Greene went to Chatfield High School with Ross and was only nine minutes away from friend Davis, who went to D'Evelyn.

Tyler was also Greene's first coach and recruited him to Wartburg.

"We grew up with one another," Greene said of Davis and Ross. "It's kind of like a high school reunion."

Greene and Davis agree there's huge potential for recruiting in Colorado, especially because there's only one Division III program – Colorado College.

"There's a lot of excitement for tennis in Colorado," Greene said, pointing out high schools like Cherry Creek have up to 50 kids try out each year.

"It gives Midwest schools some help if there are student-athletes (from Colorado) who want to still be able to play but don't want to have it control their life," Davis said.

One men's player has already committed to Wartburg next year and a few more men's and women's players are considering.

Strydom plans on attending the Colorado high school state tournaments each year and the Winter Break trip could return to Colorado, but he also has hopes of visiting other places, like South Carolina.

"If it works and we get the numbers in, it's definitely something we'll look at again," Strydom said. "I think we're going to continue to try to build our presence out there."

WEEKLY SCHEDULE
Thursday
Softball vs. Grinnell (DH, 4 p.m.)
Friday
Baseball vs. Coe (DH, 3:30 p.m.)
Outdoor Track at Wash U (Mo.)
Saturday
Outdoor Track at Wash U (Mo.)
Baseball vs. Coe (DH, 1 p.m.)
Softball vs. Ripon (2 p.m.)*
**=at Augustana (Ill.)*
Softball at Augustana (4 p.m.)
Sunday
Softball vs. Blackburn (Noon)*
Softball vs. UW-Stout (2 p.m.)*
**=at Augustana (Ill.)*
M Golf at Webster (Mo.) Invite

BASEBALL PICKED SECOND

Defending Iowa Conference champion Wartburg was picked to finish second in this year's preseason coaches poll.

The Knights received 51 points, one behind Buena Vista, which is currently receiving votes in the d3baseball.com national top 25.

Buena Vista got four first-place votes while Wartburg had two and Coe and Loras each took one.

The Knights are 6-6 this season and open IIAC play this weekend with two doubleheaders against Coe.

The much anticipated Wartburg-BV series takes place April 25 and 26 at Hertel Field, the Knights' second-to-last IIAC series.

— *Nathan Ford*

Full Poll:
1. Buena Vista (52)
2. Wartburg (51)
3. Coe (45)
4. Simpson (33)
T5. Loras (30)
T5. Central (30)
7. Luther (23)
8. Dubuque (16)

TENNIS IN COLORADO

Tennis is played a little differently in Colorado, but not by choice. The altitude makes the game a little more challenging than it is in Iowa.

"You get gassed really easily because of the altitude," Andre Greene said. "You think you're Superman on the court, but once you go to Colorado you just have no endurance."

Greene said the team never fully adjusted during its trip as it normally takes about a week and a half.

"The ball travels really quick, so instead of 10, 15-shot rallies there's maybe just like a one, two-punch," Greene said.

Melissa Davis and Katherine Ross earned the only two victories for the women's team in 7-2 and 7-0 losses to Division II Colorado State-Pueblo and Metro State.

"It's not our main season so to be able to get some good hitting in and a pull a win out was fun," Davis said.

The men's team dropped 8-1 and 9-0 matches to the same programs, with Coy Wiegmann earning the lone win for the Knights.

"It was good for them to have to experience that and kind of be flexible," head coach Mike Strydom said.

— *Nathan Ford*